1 UAM PIU-1300 US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ATTURNEYS DIX'NET NUMBER TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES. 4322/PCT DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 unknown INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 18.September 1999 (18.09.99) 18.August 2000 (18.08.00) PCT/DE00/02828 TITLE OF INVENTION Filter Press APPLICANT(S) FOR DOZEOZUS Wilhelm CLAESSEN; Karl GRAFEN; Hermann Josef SPOELGEN; Menrad WESP Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PC1 Articles 22 and 39(1) 4 X A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date 5. X A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. [...] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. X A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) with Translator's Declaration. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). have been transmitted by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired d. X have not been made and will not be made. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Form PTO-1449, copy of International Search Report & English Version thereof. 12. X An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. X A FIRST oreliminary amendment, to minimize the filing fee. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. A substitute specification. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. X Other items or information: a) return receipt postcard; b) Form PTO-2038; c) 5 Figs. on 3 sheets of formal drawings NOTE: The priority of German Patent Application 199 44 848.5, filed in the Federal Republic of Germany on September 18, 1999 is claimed for the under 35 U.S.C. §119, NOTE: The entire disclosure of PCT International Application PCT/DE00/02828 is incorporated herein by reference. NOTE: This Application has been assigned to: Outokumpu Oyj of: Rihitontuntie 7D, 02201 Espoo, Finland. The Assignment is being submitted herewith for recordal.

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